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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
 9 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

10 In re
 11 THE RHODES COMPANIES, LLC, aka
 "Rhodes Homes," et al.,

14 Debtors.

Bankruptcy No. 09-14814-LBR

Chapter No. 11

12 VERIFIED PETITION FOR
 13 PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
 14 IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
 ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
 TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT

15 EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2004
 16 FILING FEE IS \$175.00

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 18 Meredith A. Lahaie, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

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 20 1. That Petitioner resides in NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
 (City) (State)

21 2. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of _____
 22 Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP with offices at
 23 One Bryant Park
 24 _____ (street address)
 New York, NY 10036 212.872.1000
 25 (city) (zip code) (area code + telephone number)

26 3. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

27 Steering Committee of Senior Secured Lenders to provide legal representation in connection with
 28 [client(s)]
 the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

4. That since 2007, Petitioner has been and presently is a member
(date)
in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of NEW YORK
(state)
where Petitioner regularly practices law.

5. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good standing of the bars of said Courts.

Date Admitted

New York Supreme Court 2007

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York 2008

6. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

N/A

7. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars of ever denied admission):

N/A

8. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations:
State Bar of New York

9. Petitioner or any member of Petitioner's firm (or office if firm has offices in more than one city) with which Petitioner is associated has/have filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 10-2 during the past three (3) years in the following matters:

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
Ira S. Dizengoff	Case No. 09-14778-LBR	Bankruptcy Court	Pending
Abid Qureshi	Case No. 09-14778-LBR	Bankruptcy Court	Pending
Philip A. Dublin	Case No. 09-14778-LBR	Bankruptcy Court	Pending
Christine Doniak	Case No. 09-14778-LBR	Bankruptcy Court	Pending
Elizabeth Raskin	Case No. 09-14778-LBR	Bankruptcy Court	Pending

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

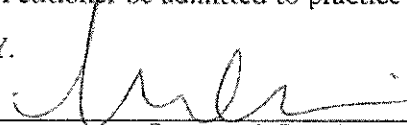
10. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

11. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

12. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

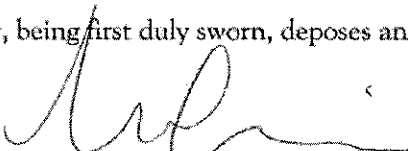
3 DATED: 10/26/2009


Petitioner's Signature

4 STATE OF NEW YORK }

5 COUNTY OF NEW YORK }

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7 Meredith A. Lahaie, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
8 That the foregoing statements are true.


Petitioner's Signature

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10 (SEAL)

11 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12 24th day of October, 2009.

13 Mildred Andino
Notary public

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15 MILDRED ANDINO
16 Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01AN4857026
17 Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires April 28, 20 10